

# WORK HAS BEEN SUSPENDED ON SIX BATTLE CRUISERS

**Daniels Orders Work Stopped Pending Reports of Naval Experts Who Are to Visit Great Britain, France and Italy—Work on the Big Ships is Now Only in the First Stage of Their Construction—Between \$180,000,000 and \$200,000,000 is Involved—Work Has Been Underway at the Newport News, the Fore River and the New York Yards.**

Washington, March 10.—Secretary Daniels today directed suspension of work on the six great battle cruisers in a ship that would approach a 30 knot speed and at the same time carry full battleship protection, would

authorized in 1936 until he and the navy experts had decided on the future type. American capital ships in the light of information they will obtain on their projected trip to Great Britain, France and Italy.

Work on the big ships is now only in the starting stages. Construction was held up during the war but the destroyers might be built. Recommendations of the navy department that six additional battle cruisers be built were dropped from the naval bill in the last congress because of the disagreement between naval officers as to the kind of capital ship that should be built in the light of the lessons of the war.

Possibility that the whole battle cruiser programme of the navy involving an expenditure of nearly half a billion dollars, will be abandoned in favor of a new type of cruiser battleship is adding today by an announcement that the navy department had ordered suspension of work on the six 35 knot cruisers already authorized until a decision as to the future type of capital ship could be reached.

There is a wide difference of opinion among American naval officers as

whether the slow battleship and the fast submarine are the way to the future or a way combining the power of the one and nearly the speed of the other and because of this fact the committee has deferred action on this additional question until a full report on new types can be made by the department.

It is to gather information for this report Secretary Daniels and his three chief technical advisers left Saturday for Europe. They will be met overseas by Admiral Benson, chief of operations, and Vice Admiral Sims, chief of naval operations. The two weeks before congress meets in extra session probably in the early summer, a general conference will be held at which the major and minor points of concern will be worked out and the types of capital ships should be built.

This statement was authorized today by Secretary Daniels.

"The conclusions reached to the type of capital ships resulting from a close study of naval activities of the present and past has created such a difference of opinion that it is expected that the secretary of the navy will authorize the temporary suspension of the building of the large battle cruisers."

Admiral Mayo, the commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, when before the committee on naval affairs of the house, stated that in his opinion the most effective anti-submarine warfare is the high speed battleship which carries the most powerful and armor protection of a battleship and as much as possible of the high speed of a battle cruiser. Such new types of ships are being built, Admiral Sims as a result of their construction and study abroad, convey in the opinion of Admiral Mayo, many of the same ideas.

feeling of Germany.

The newspaper blames the German workmen for the economic crisis now facing the country and declares the Germans had been able to increase their production and if a surplus had been available through lack of coal, the surplus manufactured goods would be enough to assure the supply of food needed by the German people.

The paper asserts that if these economic difficulties are not overcome a civil war will break out. It says that if the working class does not stop a strike in the Ruhr district, Germany's condition "will be reduced to nothingness in a few months."

**TURNING POINT REACHED  
IN THE PEACE CONFERENCE**

London, March 14.—(British Wireless Service.)—The turning point of the "conference" has been reached. The Paris correspondent of the Daily News writes: "Not even when the Germans came within a week of signing the armistice was it more important than the past one. The preparatory work is nearly finished and the preliminary convention upon which will be based the final peace treaty is in the hands of the plenipotentiaries."

"By the time President Wilson reaches Paris the naval and military conditions will have been settled, and it is an open question whether Lloyd George's splendid disarmament the technics of conference success and that his insistence on disarmament will be a step which breaks the step in a general policy of pacification intended to lead to disarmament in all countries."

**POPE CONFIRMS AMERICAN  
BISHOPS AND ARCHBISHOPS**

Rome, March 10.—(Pope Benedict held a consistory today and conferred

department. Maxwell, however, said the shipbuilding, while many of the exports of the general board are of the nation, the battle cruiser as planned should be built at a rate of production of slower speed, but of lower and greater protection be likewise constructed.

Because of the difference of opinion among naval experts, the large amount of money involved—over \$180,000,000 and \$200,000,000—and the great question of fighting efficiency being involved, the secretary of the navy has directed that the construction of the battle cruiser. Little of the work on the hull has been done. Some of the electrical machinery has been started, but it is not contemplated that the ship will be completed in less than six months or so will be such as to seriously interfere with the proper design and the matter. It is because of the difference of opinion among experts and to study the question is taught by the war that the secretary of the navy is taking the chiefs of the technical bureaus of the navy department into consideration in the question with naval experts and to obtain such other technical information as is possible while abroad from stud-

the American bishops and archbishops appointed by brief since the last conference meeting in Baltimore to new American archbishops.

In his allocution the pope expressed the hope that the new arrangement of the world would be inspired by sentiments of brotherhood and justice, capable of bringing about a true and lasting peace.

**REPORT OF STATE FREE EMPLOYMENT BUREAU—**

Hartford, Conn., March 10.—A report of 6.4 per cent. was made in final employment for applicants to the Connecticut free employment bureau for February over January. There were 1,429 men and 1,455 women who sought work and 749 men and 1,052 women obtained positions. Of the employees who sought work, 88.3 per cent. were supplied, against 88.3 during the previous month.

**RAINBOW DIVISION TO SAIL ABOUT APRIL**

Washington, March 10.—General Pershing called the war department today that he had issued orders for Forty-second (Rainbow) division

The navy has not had a similar controversy over ship designs for ten years. In this case the navy general staff charged with deciding upon the military characteristics of the new ships disagree with the opinion of the high officers who have had experience overseas in the present war. On the board of naval architects, the navy has the Atlantic fleet, Rear Admiral Bailey and Fletcher. They believe that the construction of both dreadnaughts and battle cruisers is essential.

The difference of opinion began last year when the British admiralty decided to alter the plans of the battleship *Hood* to make her a composite battleship-cruiser. The British effect, the decision was to build a very high speed battleship, sacrificing gun power to some extent for speed, but retaining the main armament of a ship of the line. The *Hood* will carry eight 15-inch rifles, full battleship ar-

range and armor, but will be able to make 25 knots. Forty-second inch guns are expected to sail between April 15 and 15, as the average period between orders and embarkation has been a month.

**TO BE RELEASED FROM PORTSMOUTH NAVAL PRISON**

Portsmouth, N. H., March 10.—Lieutenant Commander Thomas Moffatt, commander of the naval prison here, reports that 100 of the 150 prisoners. Nearly every state is represented by the men, who will be given dishonorable discharges by the navy department.

**STOCK BROKERAGE FIRM BARRED FROM CALIFORNIA**

San Francisco, March 10.—An order barring from California for alleged unethical conduct the stock brokerage firm of Andrews & company, to have offices in forty cities throughout

It is understood the original purpose of the construction of the Hood was to produce a vessel to meet the needs of the German navy on the British coast, and to give the British taken sides in the dispute here that so far as they know, Great Britain has not laid down any additional claim on this.

The advantages of a very high speed battleship, however, appealed strongly to American officers overseas and they have urged this construction so strongly that the whole programme here for a time threatened to be blocked by failure of the navy establishment to agree on what was desired.

Examining the Hood design, some officers said that the gun power of the huge vessel was of little more than half of the broadside weight of the British battleships, and that the twelve 16-inch guns. Some officers have estimated that to get such gun

on the country, was issued by the state corporation commission here today.

**OBITUARY.**

**George W. Feltz.**  
Danbury, Conn., March 10.—George W. Feltz, one of the proprietors, long managing editor of the Danbury News and the Danbury Post, died of heart disease. He was married with the News for 45 years. First as a printer, and under the name of James Feltz, later as the managing editor. He was a widower and leaves no children.

**Philip S. Dyer.**  
New York, March 10.—Philip Dyer, prominent clubman and a laboratory associate of Thomas Edison, died here today in his 54th year.

Mr. Dyer was born in California. For ten years he was Antwerp representative of the Edison Electric Company. He was a director of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States